

1. Parish: Shadingfield

Meaning: Boundary Valley (Ekwall)

2. Hundred: Wangford

Deanery: Wangford (- 194), Beccles (1914-1972), Beccles and South Elmham (1972 -)

Union: Wangford

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Wangford R.D. (1894-1934), Wainford R.D. (1934-1974), Waveney D.C. (1974 -)

Other administrative details:

Beccles Petty Sessional Division
Beccles and Bungay County Court District

3. Area: 1,403 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed:

- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
- b. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay.

5. Types of farming:

1086		Wood for 38 pigs, 11 pigs
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pig-keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, clover and root crops
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. Enclosure:

1805 Approximately 90 acres enclosed under Private Act of Lands (1804)

7. Settlement:

1961 Ribbon-type development scattered along main Beccles – Brampton road with concentrations around church and school. Expansion possibly influenced by the Beck and later by the railway which was routed through the parish.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 12, 1801 – 17, 1851 – 40,
1871 – 39, 1901 – 32, 1951 – 38,
1981 – 36

8. Communications:

Road: Main Beccles – Blythburgh road
Roads unsafe for travelling and practically impassable for several months of the year (18th cent.)
1844 Daily postal service
1874 Carriers pass through between Beccles and Southwold
Daily postal service
1937 1 cartage contractor

Rail: 1891 3 miles Brampton station: Ipswich – Lowestoft line, opened (1854), station closed for goods (1966)

9. Population:

1086 — 35 recorded
1327 — 68 taxpayers paid £4. 3s.
(includes Sotterley and Willingham)
1524 — 14 taxpayers paid £5. 10s. 8d.
1603 — 60 adults
1674 — 19 households
1676 — Not recorded
1801 — 157 inhabitants
1831 — 198 inhabitants
1851 — 214 inhabitants
1871 — 201 inhabitants
1901 — 155 inhabitants
1931 — 145 inhabitants
1951 — 126 inhabitants
1971 — 95 inhabitants
1981 — 103 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (1831), Discharged Rectory (1855)

1254 Valued £6. 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £12
1535 Valued £12
1674 Parsonage has 4 hearths

10. Benefice (cont'd):

1831	Curate, stipend £50 p.a. Glebe house. Gross income £264 p.a. Small parsonage house. 7½ acres glebe. Yearly rent charge of £305 in lieu of tithes. £6. 14s. paid to impropiators (1855)
1912	Nett value £310. 7½ acres glebe

Patrons: Earl of Norfolk (1318/1337), John de Segrave (1342), Sir Walter Manny (1361/67), Countess of Norfolk (1378/91), Earl of Suffolk (1688/1732), Charles Howard (1728), Earl of Bristol (1752), Lord Braybrook (1805/39), Mrs. Barnes (1912)

11. Church **St. John Baptist**
(Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

12 th cent.	Traces in nave
13 th cent.	N. & S. doors, part chancel S. porch – Tudor brick Long narrow banner staff locker north of tower arch
1841	Chancel rebuilt
	Seats: 130 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

1086	Manor of 30 acres belonging to the King
1086	Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Roger Bigot in hands of Godwin, son of Toki
1066	Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Roger Bigot in hands of Godwin under patronage of Gyrth
1086	Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Geoffrey de Mandeville
1086	Manor of 32½ acres belonging to Geoffrey de Mandeville

Brosyard with Verdons

1306	The King owns held in the hands of John de Bruisyard (linked to Framlingham)
1598	Valued £3
1911	Earl of Stradbroke owns

13. Manorials (cont'd)

Sub-manors:

Francis or Cuddons

1316 Hugh de Berry owns
1432 – mid
18th cent. Cuddon family owns

Note: Rev. Suckling identifies 7 manors (sources unknown)
 1. Marquis of Salisbury owns
 2. John Garden owns
 3. Duke of Norfolk owns
 4. Earl of Gosford owns
 Reputed manors (5., 6. and 7.) held by Thomas C. Scott,
 Thomas Farr and B. Pierson

14. Markets/Fairs

Bocland family obtained grant for fair (1257)

15. Real property:

1844 £1,306 rental value
1891 £647 rateable value
1912 £1,255 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891 Land sub-divided
1912 T. Dela Garde Grissell and Capt. M. Barne, principal
 owner

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 6 yeomen
1600–1649 7 yeomen
1650–1699 1 linen weaver, 3 yeomen, 1 husbandman, 1 clerk
1831 35 in agriculture, 9 in retail trade, 3 professionals, 16 in
 domestic service, 1 other
1844 1 blacksmith, 1 joiner, 1 tailor, 1 shoemaker, 1
 hoop/hurdle maker, 1 schoolmaster, 1 miller, 8 farmers
1912 1 sub-postmistress, 1 teacher, 9 farmers, 2 millers, 1
 shopkeeper, 1 decorator/plumber

19. Education:

1818	1 day school supported by Rector (18 attend)
1833	1 daily school supported by Rector (26 attend, 16 supported) 1 Sunday school (30 attend)
1844	School supported by Rector (30 attend) School Board established (1881) School built (1882/83), enlarged (1910), average attendance (1912) 55

20. Poor relief:

1776	£26. 13s. 6d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£52. 4s. 4d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£305. 18s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£235. 6s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£305. 12s. 0d.	spent on poor relief
1834	£300. 7s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

Robert Cuddon: Bailiff of Dunwich (1432)

Sir Thomas Cuddon: chamberlain of Bity of London, Receiver-General of Taxes (1699)

Francis Cuddon: Receiver-General of Taxes for London and Middlesex (1702)

25. Other information:

Shadingfield Hall: built (circa 1540) for the Cuddon family, moated.
Modern hall built on site of old house by T.C. Scott (no dates)

Altar cloth (linen, lace edged) dated (1632) on permanent loan to St. Peter
Hungate Museum, Norwich